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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE: CONSTRUCTION NEW ALGIERS INTERNAT-
NATIONAL AIRPORT

REF: ALGIERS 1694 OF 2 AUG. 1974

1. REFTEL REPORTS PREQUALIFICATION TENDER (T0019) BY ENEMA
(STATE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY) FOR EXPANSION ALGIERS
AIRPORT FACILITIES AT DAR EL BEIDA. SINCE TENDER FIRST
ANNOUNCED, LITTLE HEARD OF PROJECT UNTIL RECENT ARTICLE
IN LOCAL PRESS REPORTING GOA PLANS TO BUILD NEW INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT NEW DAR EL BEIDA (20 KM SOUTHEAST OF ALGIERS).
ENEMA, PRESS REPORT SAYS, PLANS START CONSTRUCTION END 1977
WITH NEW FACILITY GOING INTO USE SOMETIME 1981-82.

2. PRESENT AIRPORT PASSENGER HANDLING FACILITIES ARE
SEVERELY OVERSTRAINED. DAR EL BEIDA BUILT IN 1921 AND
ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO HANDLE 600,000 PASSENGERS PER YEAR
WHEREAS 2 MILLION PASSENGERS USED AIRPORT IN 1975 (1 MIL.
IN 1972). BECAUSE OF RAPID INCREASE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC
FLIGHTS (700,000 IN 1975) DAR EL BEIDA TERMINAL, PRESENTLY
UNDERGOING RENOVATION BY ALGERIAN ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WILL
BE USED FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS EXCLUSIVELY.

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3. ENEMA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMEDOR (ALGIERS URBAN PLANNING AGENCY), PRESS REPORT CONTINUES, ARE AT PRESENT DRAWING UP PLANS FOR NEW AIRPORT. FACILITIES TO COMPRISE, IN ADDITION TO PASSENGER TERMINAL, MAINTENANCE AREA, FREIGHT TERMINAL, AND AIRPLANE PARKING AREAS. TWO EXISTING LANDING STRIPS, EACH 3,500 METERS LONG, WILL BE UTILIZED BY NEW FACILITY. ENEMA ESTIMATES TWO LANDING STRIPS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE AIR TRAFFIC UNTIL SOMETIME 1990S. IF INCREASE IN TRAFFIC REQUIRES CHANGE OF PLANS, OFFICIALS SAY SUFFICIENT LAND HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD LANDING STRIP.

4. ENEMA INFORMS US ANNOUNCEMENT OF THOSE PREQUALIFIED TO BE MADE SHORTLY. AMERICAN FIRMS MAY POSSIBLY BE INCLUDED. HOWEVER, GIVEN TIME ELAPSED SINCE TENDER FIRST ANNOUNCED AND APPARENT CHANGE IN SCOPE OF PROJECT (CREATION OF NEW AIRPORT AS APPOSED TO EXPANSION OF OLD ONE), POSSIBILITY EXISTS ENEMA MAY BE RECEPTIVE TO EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM FIRMS WILLING TO CARRY OUT PROJECT AS ENVISIONED NOW. SUGGEST INTERESTED FIRMS CONTACT ENEMA DIRECTLY (AVE. DE L'INDEPENDANCE, ALGIERS, ALGERIA, TELEPHONE 66-43-03, MR. MOHAMED BENAMOUR, DIRECTOR).PARKER

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